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11. (C) Ministry of Defense civilian advisor Claudio Ortiz told Poloff October 26 that the European Union was "pressing" Chile to contribute peacekeeping troops to UNIFIL. Ortiz noted the Belgian Minister of Defense would be in Santiago the week of October 30 to discuss bilateral military cooperation, and to urge Chile to contribute to UNIFIL. Ortiz said although the MOD had done contingency planning for such a deployment, to his knowledge the GOC was not prepared to contribute forces to UNIFIL at this time. Post plans to follow-up after the Chilean MOD-Belgian MOD meetings. KELLY